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NOTE FOR: DCI

VIA: D/ICS

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SUBJECT: LANDSAT/METSAT Commercialization

As per our discussion at yesterday's staff meeting, and my memorandum to you of 20 December (see Tab 1), it occurred to me that it might be well for you to go on record expressing your concerns about the implications from an intelligence point of view of the commercialization of the LANDSAT/METSAT. (In point of fact, this probably should have been done some time ago, but I only became aware of this problem the day before the Cabinet Council meeting.)

[Redacted Signature]

Eloise R. Page

Attachments:

1. DCI/ICS 82-3077 dtd 20 Dec 82
2. Letter from DepSecDef to Secretary Baldrige
3. Proposed Letter for DCI  
Signature to Secretary Baldrige

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DCI/ICS 82-3077  
20 December 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
VIA: Director, Intelligence Community Staff <sup>12/20.</sup>  
FROM: Miss Eloise R. Page  
Deputy Director, Intelligence Community Staff  
SUBJECT: Cabinet Council on Commerce and Trade (CCCT) Meeting,  
Wednesday, 15 December 1982

1. I attended the 15 December CCCT meeting on the LANDSAT and METSAT programs. The consensus was that bids should be let allowing the contractors to come up with their own proposals as to mix of satellites. I raised on your behalf the question of the national security implications of commercialization, stressing the concern of the Intelligence Community that commercialization would pose a threat both from the point of view of technology transfer as well as from the fact that such commercialization would considerably enhance the intelligence capabilities of other countries, including specifically the USSR. I added that we would recommend incremental commercialization, beginning with land remote sensing systems. I stressed that, as a minimum, recommendation #1 should be modified to provide that specific recommendations for modification of the satellites to protect national security interests be reviewed by the SIG(Space), and that contractual arrangements involved in the transfer process be subject to detailed national security and foreign policy guidelines prior to RFPs so that the additional costs necessary for maximizing security protection of the satellites be factored in prior to contract negotiation.

2. In summing up the consensus of the meeting, Secretary Baldrige said to me that, of course, national security concerns are most important and would have to be addressed.

  
Eloise R. Page

Attachment:  
List of Participants

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CABINET COUNCIL ON COMMERCE AND TRADE

December 15, 1982

PARTICIPANTS

The Vice President

Secretary Baldrige, Chairman Pro Tempore

Secretary Hodel

Edwin Harper

Deputy Secretary Carlucci

(Representing Secretary Weinberger)

Deputy Secretary Lyng

(Representing Secretary Block)

Under Secretary Lovell

(Representing Secretary Donovan)

Deputy Secretary Trent

(Representing Secretary Lewis)

Deputy Director Wright

(Representing Director Stockman)

Deputy Trade Representative Macdonald

(Representing Ambassador Brock)

Wendell Gunn, Executive Secretary

Becky Norton Dunlop, Director, Office of Cabinet Affairs

For Presentation:

John Byrne, Administrator, National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration

John McElroy, Assistant Administrator for Satellites

Additional Attendees:

James Cicconi, Special Assistant to the President and

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff

Nancy Risque, Special Assistant to the President for

Legislative Affairs

Annelise Anderson, Associate Director for Economics and

Government, OMB

Gilbert Rye, Senior Staff Member, National Security Council

George Keyworth, Science Advisor to the President and

Director, OSTP

William Niskanen, Member, Council of Economic Advisers

Deputy Secretary of Commerce Fiske

James Beggs, Administrator, National Aeronautics and

Space Administration

William Schneider, Under Secretary of State for Security

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